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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV360-6-9

SUBJECT: PER – Mandatory Privacy Basics Training

Purpose: To inform West Virginia employees of mandatory USDA Privacy Basics Training.

Expiration Date: October 2, 2006

ACTION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

Background: USDA has established administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to comply with the Privacy Act as well as protect its information technology systems. A memorandum from David M. Combs, Chief Information Officer, dated June 16, 2006 informed states of the availability of a web-based course in AgLearn, "USDA Privacy Basics," which teaches the Privacy Act and how protecting that data relates to the work at USDA.

Explanation: Effective immediately all employees, partners and contractors are required to complete the "USDA Privacy Basics" course by **September 15, 2006**. To take the training go to http://www.aglearn.usda.gov and enter your (Level 2) eAuthentication user ID and password. The "USDA Privacy Basics" course has been uploaded to each employee's Learning Plan.

As you complete the training, send a copy of the certificate document by email to Lonnie Williams in Human Resources at lonnie.williams@wv.usda.gov or FAX to (304) 284-7551.

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